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Dear Josh:

I have become somewhat exercised over the Markert situation in Michigan, as undoubtedly you have too. At the present time, it seems likely that the Faculty Committee will give him a favorable report. The question is whether the President will go along with it. Letters in support of Markert to the President, Doctor H. Hatcher, will be of some use.

Should the decision be adverse, I would be inclined to turn down the offer extended to participate in the Symposium this summer, and will write a letter stating this. It would have more of an effect, if we all did the same. I would like to know how you feel in the matter, and whether it is at all feasible for us, as invited participants, to do something prior to the decision by the President; thus, if the Faculty Committee does give a favorable report, we could write to the President agreeing with the report, and state, essentially, that if it is not accepted we will refuse to participate in the Symposium. Please let me know soon what you think.

Sincerely yours,



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Professor of Bacteriology

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